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In re Application of
Bunichi Shoji
Application No. 09/245,720
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For: TRUSS STRUCTURE, STRUCTURAL
MEMBERS THEREOF, AND A
METHOD OF MANUFACTURE
THEREFORE

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: DECISION ON PETITION
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: TO WITHDRAW THE
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: HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT
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This is in response to applicant's petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment, filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on November 13, 2000.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A review of the file record indicates that the application was held abandoned for failure to respond to the Office letter dated April 16, 2000, within the Shortened Statutory Period of one month set therein.

Applicant has submitted a copy of a response, which includes a copy of a post card identifying the Amendment and which includes a USPTO Mail Room receipt date of May 5, 2000. This is acceptable evidence of a timely response.

Since a timely response to the Office letter was filed, the holding of abandonment is withdrawn and the application is restored to pending status. The application is being forwarded via the Supervisory Legal Instruments Examiner to the Primary Examiner for prompt action on the merits of the claims.

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